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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS IN CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS

WT Docket No. 12-70; ET Docket No. 10-142; WT Docket No. 04-356
WT Docket No. 12-357

On December 11, 2012, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) adopted a *Report and Order and Order of Proposed Modification* in WT Docket No. 12-70, ET Docket No. 10-142, and WT Docket No. 04-356 and a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in WT Docket No. 12-357.¹ Commission staff is in the process of finalizing both documents, under ordinary editorial privileges, for public release.

By this *Public Notice* the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau hereby temporarily suspends the *ex parte* procedures in the above captioned proceedings to prohibit all *ex parte* communications until the *Report and Order and Order of Proposed Modification* and *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* have been publicly released. While we ordinarily do not prohibit *ex parte* communications for Commission items adopted on circulation, we believe this prohibition serves the public interest. Specifically, we believe that any further *ex parte* communications made prior to the public release of both items will likely be unnecessary given that the Commission has already adopted the items. Additionally, we believe that any *ex parte* communications prior to the public release of the items will likely be made on public speculation regarding the contents of the documents, and could therefore inject confusion or incorrect information into the records for each item. We take this action pursuant to our authority under Section 1.1200 of the Commission's rules.²

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By the Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

¹ Service Rules for Advanced Wireless Services in the 2000-2020 MHz and 2180-2200 MHz Bands; Fixed and Mobile Services in the Mobile Satellite Service Bands at 1525-1559 MHz and 1626.5-1660.5 MHz, 1610-1626.5 MHz and 2483.5-2500 MHz, and 2000-2020 MHz and 2180-2200 MHz; Service Rules for Advanced Wireless Services in the 1915-1920 MHz, 1995-2000 MHz, 2020-2025 MHz and 2175-2180 MHz Bands; WT Docket No. 12-70; ET Docket No. 10-142; WT Docket No. 04-356; FCC 12-151; *Report and Order and Order of Proposed Modification*, __ FCC Rcd __ (adopted Dec. 11, 2012); Service Rules for the Advanced Wireless Services H Block—Implementing Section 6401 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 Related to the 1915-1920 MHz and 1995-2000 MHz Bands; WT Docket No. 12-357; FCC 12-152, *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, __ FCC Rcd __ (adopted Dec. 11, 2012).

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 (“Where the public interest so requires in a particular proceeding, the Commission and its staff retain the discretion to modify the applicable *ex parte* rules by order, letter, or public notice.”).